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(PCT Rule 61.2)

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International application No. PCT/GB00/00715	Applicant's or agent's file reference P702686PCT/DRC/SAC
International filing date (day/month/year) 28 February 2000 (28.02.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 26 February 1999 (26.02.99)
Applicant McGILL, Shane, Robert	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:



in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

18 September 2000 (18.09.00)



in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Applicant's or agent's file reference P702686PCT/DRC/SAC	
International application No. PCT/GB00/00715	International filing date (day/month/year) 28 February 2000 (28.02.00)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

☐ the applicant ☐ the inventor ☒ the agent ☐ the common representative

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2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

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3. Further observations, if necessary:

4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P702686PCT/DRC/SAC	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/GB00/00715	International filing date (day/month/year) 28/02/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 26/02/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A47J43/044		
Applicant MCGILL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.


2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☒ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 18/09/2000	Date of completion of this report 28.05.2001
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB00/00715

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-38 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-28 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/37-37/37 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

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☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

IV. Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- ☐ restricted the claims.
☐ paid additional fees.
☐ paid additional fees under protest.
☐ neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

2. ☒ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.

3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is

- ☐ complied with.
☒ not complied with for the following reasons:
see separate sheet

4. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:

- ☒ all parts.
☐ the parts relating to claims Nos. .

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1,12,25
	No:	Claims	20

Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1,12
	No:	Claims	25

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Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-28
 No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/GB00/00715

- 1) The application lacks unity within the meaning of Rule 13.1 PCT. The separate inventions are:

1. Independent claims **1, 12**: food blending container and apparatus comprising such container, wherein the container has a location member upstanding from the base and having an opening at its lower end, a rotatable blending element being locatable within the container and arranged to lie over and be rotatable relative to the location member.
2. Independent claim **25**: food blending apparatus comprising a container, a blending element rotatably located within the container, a housing for the container and microwave energy means associated with the housing.

- 2) Independent apparatus claims **1** and **12** are considered as being allowable.

In this regard document **DE-U-8807534** is considered as being the nearest prior art. This document discloses a food blending container from which the container according to independent claim **1** differs in that it comprises a location member upstanding from the base and having an opening at its lower end, wherein the rotatable blending element is arranged to lie over and be rotatable relative to the location member.

- 3) The subject-matter of independent apparatus claim **25** is considered as being not inventive in view of the combination of the teachings of **GB-A-2230409** and **DE-U-8807534**.
- 4) The subject-matter of independent method claim **20** is considered as being not novel in view of the disclosure of **GB-A-2230409**.

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- 5) Independent claims are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art being placed in the preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in the characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).
- 6) Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents **DE-U-8807534** and **GB-A-2230409** is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.
- 7) The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).

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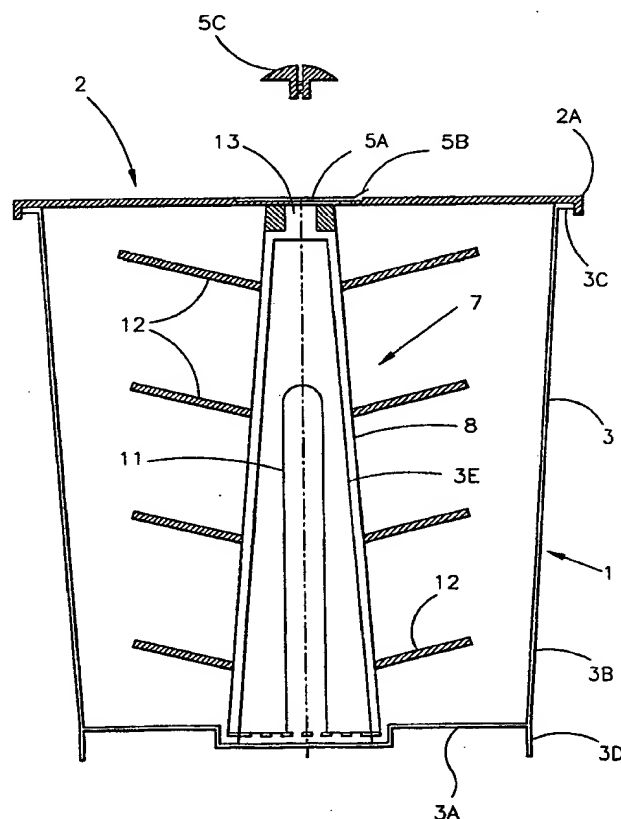
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Before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of the receipt of amendments.

(54) Title: FOOD BLENDING APPARATUS

(57) Abstract

A container is provided which is intended to blend food products, especially milkshakes, in a prefilled container (1) taken to the point of consumption at which the product is blended and from which the product is usually consumed, the container being for disposal after use. The container has a base (3A), a location member (3E) which extends upwards from the base and has an opening at its lower end. A rotatable blending element (7) locates within the container over the location member to rotate relative thereto to blend the product. The blending element is driven by an external drive which releasably engages with the upper end of the blending element in use. In some embodiments the food product is delivered frozen to the point of consumption and is heated by microwave radiation prior to blending.



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference DC/5475W0	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 00/ 00715	International filing date (day/month/year) 28/02/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 26/02/1999
Applicant McGILL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

In national Application No

PCT/GB 00/00715

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A47J43/044 A47J43/07

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A47J

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	GB 2 230 409 A (BURTON) 17 October 1990 (1990-10-17)	1-5, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20, 25-27
Y	page 2; figures	7, 10, 21
Y	EP 0 156 506 A (THORN EMI APPLIANCES LTD) 2 October 1985 (1985-10-02) page 3, line 8 - line 31; figure 2	7, 10
Y	EP 0 480 857 A (BLACK) 15 April 1992 (1992-04-15) page 4, line 24 - page 12, line 8; figures 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 12	21

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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	<p>DE 88 07 534 U (WANG) 25 August 1988 (1988-08-25) page 5, paragraph 1 -page 7, last paragraph; figures</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	<p>1,3,5,6, 8,9</p>

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DE 8807534 U	25-08-1988	US 4854718 A	08-08-1989